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**A GAS REFORMER FOR
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert a section heading as follows.

**On page 1, after the section heading BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION
and before the first complete paragraph, please insert the following heading:**

Field of the Invention

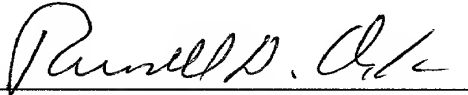
REMARKS

A minor amendment has been made to the specification to bring the application into conformance with standard United States Patent practice.

Examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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